

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005. In that Action, claims 1 through 15 were allowed except for certain formal matters raised by the Examiner.

The applicants have amended claims 2 and 10 in accordance with the Examiner's recommended changes to clarify them and correct inadvertent errors therein. Further, the applicants' attorney had a telephone conference with the Examiner on January 10, 2006 in which a slightly different amendment to claim 15 was agreed to in place of the change recommended in the Action. In addition, the applicants have also amended the specification to include a government rights statement.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request the application be allowed as amended.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0982.

Any inquiries regarding this application should be directed to Theodore F. Neils at (612) 339-1863.

Respectfully submitted,

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